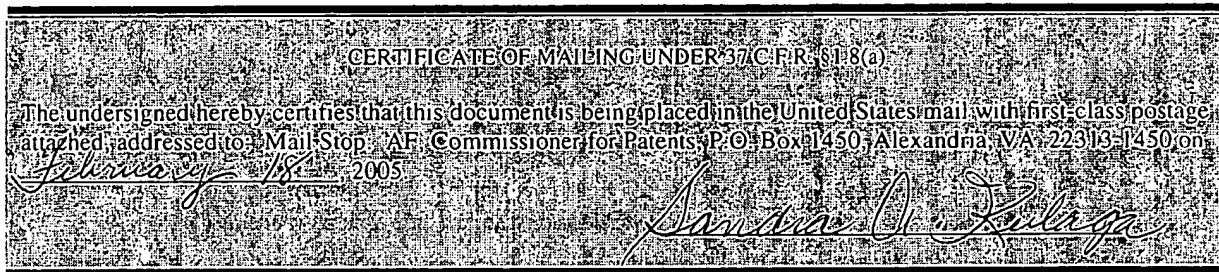




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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004. This response is being filed with the appropriate fee under the rules of 37 CFR and a petition for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the above-cited action is being submitted herewith. Any fees required for

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